



## Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz

July 8, 2016

Last week, I hosted a statewide summit on the Every Student Succeeds Act to prepare schools for the implementation of the federal education law. The summit is a key part of the Department's stakeholder engagement initiative under the Every Student Succeeds Act. With more than 250 school leaders in attendance, the summit featured expert presentations on assessments, accountability, and federal funding from the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Going forward, the Department, in collaboration with a statewide network of educators and partners, will draft a plan describing how Indiana will meet these requirements. As part of the development of this plan, the Department will host a statewide listening tour to allow community members to provide input on the plan.

Additional information about the Every Study Succeeds Act, including materials from the summit as well as a stakeholder input tool, can be found on the [Department's website](#).

Today, preliminary 2016 ISTEP+ results were released to parents and schools. Final 2016 ISTEP+ scores are expected to be released in September after the parent rescore process is completed. Parents have until August 12 to request a rescore of individual student responses.

Please review the attached [OnDemand Reports Quick Guide](#) from Pearson for information on how to access your school proficiency roster. Share the [Parent Portal Guide](#) with parents who need assistance accessing their student's preliminary results.

Have a great week!

Glenda Ritz, NBCT  
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction



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## ESSA Flexibility Waiver Related News

**NEW - ESSA Update**, Superintendent Ritz hosted a convening on Monday, June 27th regarding ESSA and the development of the Indiana Plan that will detail the measures the state will take to comply. School corporation superintendents and other stakeholders attended

the event and listened to experts from the Council of Chief State School Officers speak about the impacts of ESSA on assessment, accountability, and federal funding. Information about the convening, including the guest speakers' PowerPoint presentations, can be found on [IDOE's ESSA website](#). The webpage also includes additional ESSA resources, a statewide ESSA Listening Tour schedule, and additional.

If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at [jcoyne@doe.in.gov](mailto:jcoyne@doe.in.gov).



Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state have unlimited access to reading material on [myON](#).

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## IDOE Memoranda

**NEW - 2015-16 Formative Assessment Grant - close out.** Please review the [FAQ document](#) for key details and next steps, and be sure to share this information with Treasurers and other Finance staff at the local level. This information applies to corporations that received funding for local contracts with formative assessment vendors. Watch for information regarding the 2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant program coming soon.

**Title I 2016-2017 Planning Application and Allocation** The 2016-2017 Title I, A BASIC Application is now available. The application can be accessed on [the Title I website](#) or in the Learning Connection in the Applications, Amendments, and Reporting Center folder in the IDOE-Title I community. [Click here](#) for full memo on this topic.

**Teachers' Toolbox**, The College and Career Readiness Division (CCR) is excited to release its [new edition](#) of the Teachers' Toolbox. Teachers' Toolbox is a content focused resource for classroom instruction. Past and current editions of Teachers' Toolbox can be found on the [Teachers' Toolbox website](#).

**The Indiana Teacher of the Year Program** (INTOY) is excited to announce the 2017 Teacher of the Year Application. Applications are due **July 11, 2016**. Please review the [INTOY Application Packet](#) and the [INTOY Program](#) documents for further information. The application will also be available on our Indiana [Teacher of the Year website](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Teacher of the Year Coordinator, Caitlin Beatson, at [cbeatson@doe.in.gov](mailto:cbeatson@doe.in.gov).

**New Food Service Director Training** (FSD 101), The Indiana Department of Education invites new School Food Service Directors to learn more about USDA's Child Nutrition Programs. The IDOE is interested in building a strong relationship with new Food Service Directors in order to promote successful school food service operations. The IDOE is interested in building a strong relationship with new Food Service Directors in order to promote successful school food service operations. This one day orientation will be held, July 26, 2016, Zionsville Community Schools, Educational Services Center. Click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) for an agenda.

**Hoosier Heritage Educators Program**, To honor Indiana's past, present, and future teachers, the IDOE is proud to support the [Hoosier Heritage Educators](#) program, sponsored by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS). This project has been recognized by the Bicentennial Commission as a [Legacy Project](#). For more information about this program click [here](#) or please contact Jenny Berry, Director, College and Career Readiness at [jberry@doe.in.gov](mailto:jberry@doe.in.gov)

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## Professional Development

**AP Summer Institute at the Indiana Academy** - The Indiana Academy will be hosting an [AP Summer Institute](#) on the campus of Ball State University July 11th-14th and July 18th-21st.

The workshops are subject-specific and provide teachers with support and training needed to teach AP courses.

**State Robotics Initiative** - The TechPoint Foundation for Youth has over [400 robotics kits available for Indiana Classrooms](#). Educators who apply for the grant will also receive curriculum and training to start their own robotics team.

**eLearning Book Club** - This summer the Office of eLearning is [launching a book club that will reward up to 14 PGPs per participant](#). The book study begins on July 25th and will cover Digital Citizenship: A Community-Based Approach by Susan Bearden.

**Indiana State Library's INSPIRE Digital Literacy Resource**, [INSPIRE](#) has licensed TeachingBooks.net - a service that enhances your literacy work with instructional and primary source materials about the books and authors your students are reading. To learn more register for INSPIRE Webinars covering a variety of topics including Indiana reading lists, cross curricular resources and more. For more information about this resource, visit [the Teaching Books website](#).

**Indiana Education Service Centers** offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
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## Information from Other Agencies

**Hoops for Hope**, Schools can join the Indiana Fever to help fight cancer through the Hoops for Hope program. This information was disseminated to all principals by the Indianapolis office of the America Cancer Society in May. For more information see the [flyer](#) or visit the [Hoops for Hope website](#).

**Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites offer free field trips to all K-12 Indiana school groups**. Field trips are critical to a well-rounded education and provide a lifetime of memories, but recent budget cuts have left too many schools unable to afford them. USA Funds has pledged another \$10,000 this year for a matching gift challenge. To learn more about how to donate and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, please visit the [Indiana State Museum website](#).

**Indiana Statehouse, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers** will honor eleven Hoosier counties for establishing [College Success Coalitions](#)-groups of local education, workforce and community leaders who work together to help more students earn college degrees or other training beyond high school.

**[This week on The Friday Zone](#)** - Find your Happy Place with The Friday Zone Playlist. Word Songs defines "Mellifluous." The Bearded Chef takes us outside to pick apples. ComedySportz Indy presents a symphony of animals. [The Friday Zone](#) is a weekly program on Indiana PBS stations that uses hands-on demonstrations to teach children in grades K-2 principles drawn from state educational standards. Check your local station for times.

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